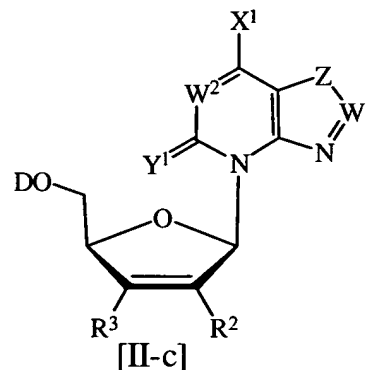
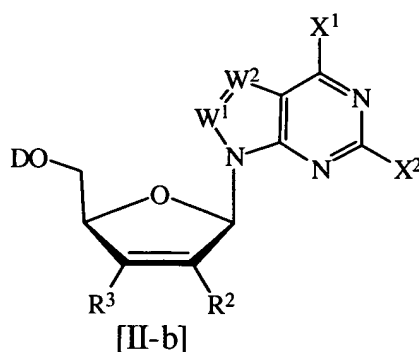
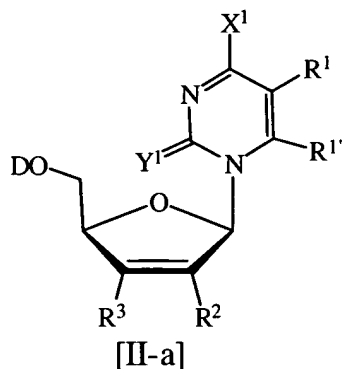
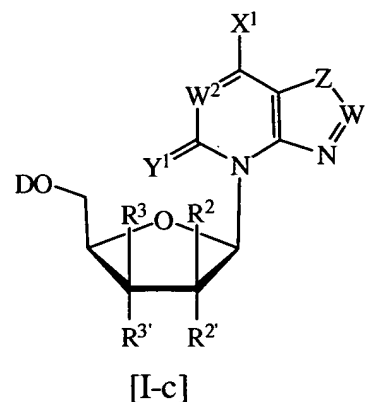
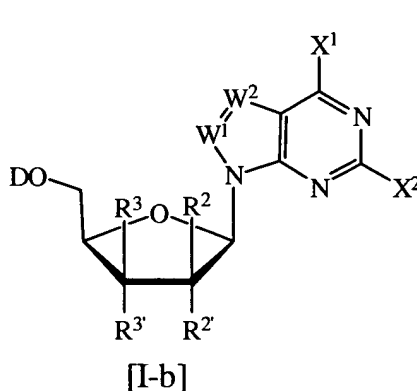
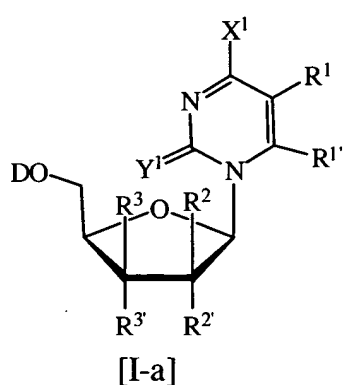


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection or abnormal cellular proliferation comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [I-a], [I-b], [I-c], [II-a], [II-b], or [II-c]:



or its β -L enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate, monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino acid;

each W^1 and W^2 is independently CH or N;

each X^1 and X^2 is independently hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, NH_2 , NHR^4 , NR^4R^4 , $NHOR^4$, $NR^4NR^4R^4$, OH, OR^4 , SH or SR^4 ;

each Y^1 is O, S or Se;

each Z is CH_2 or NH;

each R^1 and $R^{1'}$ is independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, F, Cl, Br, I, NH_2 , NHR^5 , NR^5R^5 , $NHOR^5$, NR^5NHR^5 , $NR^5NR^5R^5$, OH, OR^5 , SH, SR^5 , NO_2 , NO, CH_2OH , CH_2OR^5 , CO_2H , CO_2R^5 , $CONH_2$, $CONHR^5$, $CONR^5R^5$ or CN;

each R^2 and $R^{2'}$ independently is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, SH, OCH_3 , SCH_3 , NH_2 , $NHCH_3$, $CH=CH_2$, CN, CH_2NH_2 , CH_2OH or CO_2H ;

each R^3 and $R^{3'}$ independently is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, SH, OCH_3 , SCH_3 , NH_2 , $NHCH_3$, CH_3 , C_2H_5 , $CH=CH_2$, CN, CH_2NH_2 , CH_2OH or CO_2H ; and

each R^4 , $R^{4'}$, $R^{4''}$, R^5 , $R^{5'}$ and $R^{5''}$ independently is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

such that for the nucleoside of formula [I-a], [I-b] or [I-c] at least one of R^2 and $R^{2'}$ is hydrogen and at least one of R^3 and $R^{3'}$ is hydrogen;

provided that for the nucleoside of formula [I-a], when D, R^3 , R^2 and $R^{1'}$ are hydrogen, $R^{3'}$ and $R^{2'}$ are OH, Y^1 is O, and X^1 is NH_2 , then R^1 is not F for the treatment of a host having abnormal cellular proliferation;

provided that for the nucleoside of formula [I-a], when D, R^3 , $R^{3'}$, R^2 , R^1 and $R^{1'}$ are hydrogen, Y^1 is O, and X^1 is NH_2 , then $R^{2'}$ is not OH for the treatment of a host having abnormal cellular proliferation;

provided that for the nucleoside of formula [I-a], when D, R³, R², R^{2'}, [[R¹]] and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R¹ is hydrogen or methyl, Y¹ is O, and X¹ is NH₂, then R^{3'} is not OH for the treatment of a host having abnormal cellular proliferation; [[and]]

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when D, R³, R² and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R^{3'} and R^{2'} are OH, Y¹ is O, and X¹ is OH, then R¹ is not OH for the treatment of a host having abnormal cellular proliferation;

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when Y¹ is O, X¹ is NH₂ or NHOH, and D, R¹, and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R^{2'} and R^{3'} are not simultaneously OH;

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when Y¹ is O, X¹ is NH₂, D is hydrogen or acyl, R² is OH, R¹ and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R³ and R^{3'} are not simultaneously hydrogen;

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when Y¹ is O, D and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R^{3'} and R² are simultaneously OH, and R¹ is hydrogen or F, X¹ is not NH₂, NNNH₂, NHCH₃, or NHOH;

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when Y¹ is O, X¹ is NHOH, R^{3'} is OH, R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, or F, and D and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R² and R^{2'} are not simultaneously hydrogen; and

provided that for a nucleoside of formula [I-a], when Y¹ is O, X¹ is OH, R^{3'} is OH, R¹ is F, and D and R^{1'} are hydrogen, R² and R^{2'} are not simultaneously hydrogen.

2. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-a) is selected from one of the following:

X^1	Y^1	R^1	$R^{1'}$	R^2	$R^{2'}$	R^3	$R^{3'}$
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	I
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Cl
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Br
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	Cl	H	OH
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	Br	H	OH
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	Br	H
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H
NH ₂	O	H	H	Cl	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	H	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Br	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	Cl	H	OH
NH ₂	O	Br	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH ₂	O	Br	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	O	Br	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	I	H	H	OH	Br	H

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
NH ₂	O	I	H	H	Cl	H	OH
NH ₂	O	I	H	Br	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	OH	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH ₂	O	NH ₂	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH ₂	NH	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-(2-Ph- Et)	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-NH ₂	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	Br	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	I	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
OH	O	OH	H	OH	H	H	OH
OH	O	NH ₂	H	H	OH	H	OH
OH	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
OH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
OH	O	F	H	H	H	H	OH

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
S-CH ₃	O	H	H	H	F	H	OH
SH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
SH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-(2-Ph- Et)	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
OH	O	OH	H	H	OH	H	OH
OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-b) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
OH	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
OH	NH ₂	CH	F	H	H	OH
NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	F
NH ₂	H	CH	H	H	H	H
NH ₂	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	NH ₂	CH	H	OH	H	OH
Cl	H	CH	F	H	H	H
Cl	H	CH	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	H

X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
Cl	H	CH	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-a) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ³
NH-Bz-(<i>m</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
NH-Bz-(<i>o</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	F	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

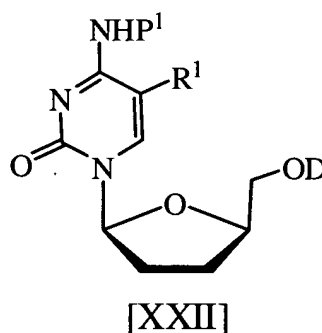
5. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-b) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ³
Cl	H	CH	F	H
OH	H	CH	H	H
NH ₂	F	CH	H	H
NH ₂	F	CH	F	H
NH ₂	H	CH	H	H
OH	NH ₂	CH	H	H
OH	H	CH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6-34. Canceled.

35. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection or abnormal cellular proliferation comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (XXII):



or its β -D enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate, monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino acid;

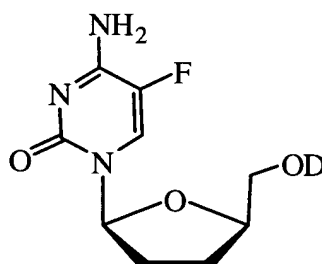
each P¹ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, OH, OR⁴, NH₂, NHR⁴ or NR⁴R^{4'};

each R¹ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, F, Cl, Br, I, NH₂, NHR⁵, NR⁵R^{5'}, NHOR⁵, NR⁵NHR^{5'}, NR⁵NR^{5'}R^{5''}, OH, OR⁵, SH, SR⁵, NO₂, NO, CH₂OH, CH₂OR⁵, CO₂H, CO₂R⁵, CONH₂, CONHR⁵, CONR⁵R^{5'} or CN; and

each R⁴, R^{4'}, R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{5''} independently is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

provided that when the host has an HCV infection and D and P¹ are hydrogen, R¹ is not hydrogen.

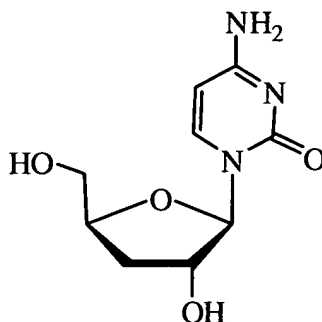
36. (Previously presented): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection or abnormal cellular proliferation comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula:



or its β -D enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:
each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate,
monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino
acid.

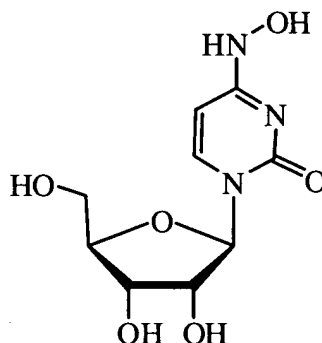
37-38. Canceled.

39. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula:



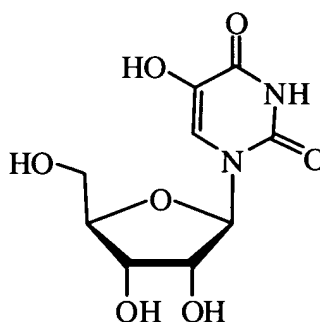
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

40. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection ~~or abnormal cellular proliferation~~ comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

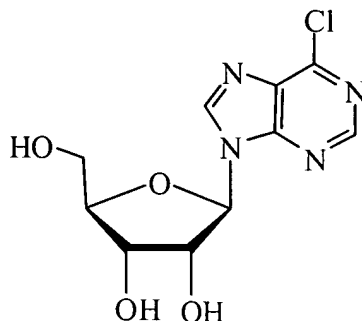
41. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

42. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection or abnormal cellular

proliferation comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula:



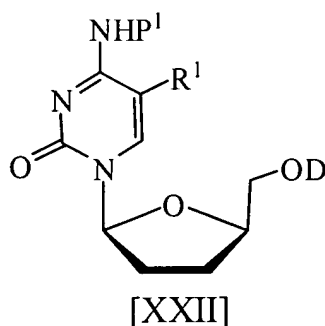
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

43. Canceled.

44. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a hepatitis C virus infection in a host comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims [[1-5]] 60-62, 64, and 65.

45-49. Canceled.

50. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of a hepatitis C virus infection in a host comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a β -L nucleoside of formula (XXII):



or its β -D enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate, monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino acid;

each P¹ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, OH, OR⁴, NH₂, NHR⁴ or NR⁴R^{4'};

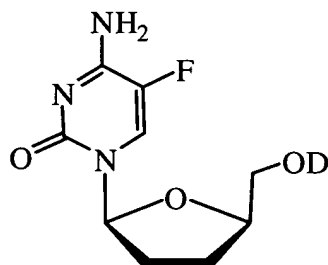
each R¹ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, F, Cl, Br, I, NH₂, NHR⁵, NR⁵R^{5'}, NHOR⁵, NR⁵NHR^{5'}, NR⁵NR^{5'}R^{5''}, OH, OR⁵, SH, SR⁵, NO₂, NO, CH₂OH, CH₂OR⁵, CO₂H, CO₂R⁵, CONH₂, CONHR⁵, CONR⁵R^{5'} or CN; and

each R⁴, R^{4'}, R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{5''} independently is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier;

provided that when D and P¹ are hydrogen, R¹ is not hydrogen.

51. (Previously presented): A method for the treatment of a hepatitis C virus infection in a host comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a β -L nucleoside of formula:



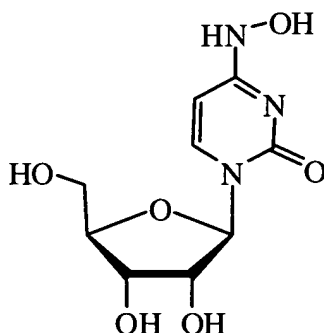
or its β -D enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate, monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino acid;

optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

52-54. Canceled.

55. (Previously presented): A method for the treatment of a hepatitis C virus infection in a host comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a nucleoside of formula:

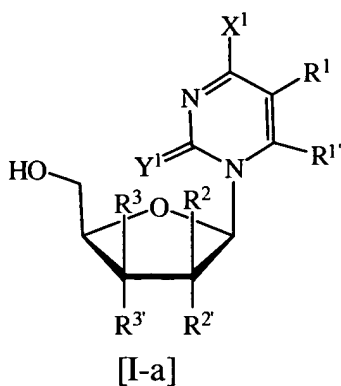


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

56-58. Canceled

59. (Previously presented): The method according to claims 1, 35, or 50, wherein each R^4 , $R^{4'}$, $R^{4''}$, R^5 , $R^{5'}$ and $R^{5''}$ independently is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or benzyl.

60. (New): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [I-a]:



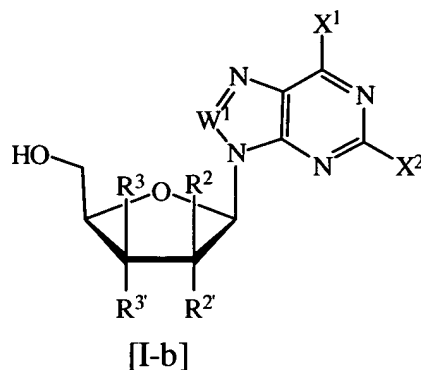
wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-a) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	I
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Cl
NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Br
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	Br	H
NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	H	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Br	H
NH ₂	O	Br	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH ₂	O	I	H	H	OH	Br	H
NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	Cl	H
NH-(2-Ph-Et)	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
NH-NH ₂	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
NH-NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	Br	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	I	H	H	OH	H	OH
NH-OH	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
S-CH ₃	O	H	H	H	F	H	OH
NH-(2-Ph-Et)	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

61. (New): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [I-b]:

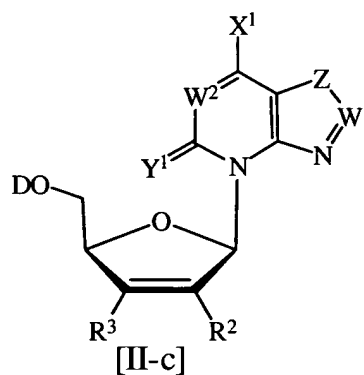
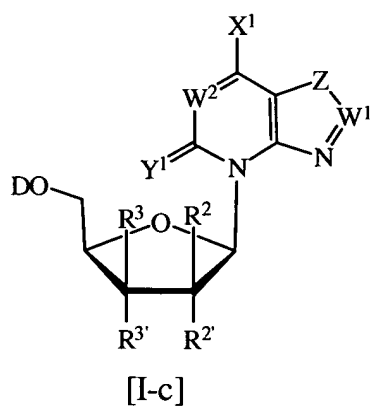


wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-b) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
OH	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	F
NH ₂	H	CH	H	H	H	H
NH ₂	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
Cl	H	CH	F	H	H	H
NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	H
Cl	H	CH	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

62. (New): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [I-c] or [II-c]:



or its β -L enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

each D is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, monophosphate, diphosphate, triphosphate, monophosphate ester, diphosphate ester, triphosphate ester, phospholipid or amino acid;

each W^1 and W^2 is independently CH or N;

each X^1 is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, NH_2 , NHR^4 , $NR^4R^{4'}$, $NHOR^4$, $NR^4NR^{4'}R^{4''}$, OH, OR^4 , SH or SR^4 ;

each Y^1 is O, S or Se;

each Z is CH_2 or NH;

each R^2 and $R^{2'}$ independently is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, SH, OCH_3 , SCH_3 , NH_2 , $NHCH_3$, $CH=CH_2$, CN, CH_2NH_2 , CH_2OH or CO_2H ;

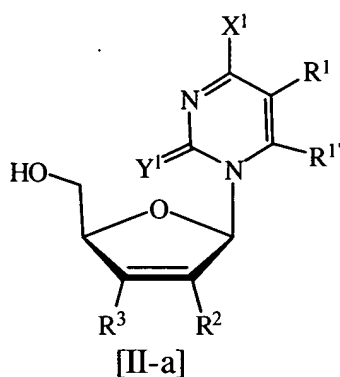
each R^3 and $R^{3'}$ independently is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, SH, OCH_3 , SCH_3 , NH_2 , $NHCH_3$, CH_3 , C_2H_5 , $CH=CH_2$, CN, CH_2NH_2 , CH_2OH or CO_2H ; and

each R^4 , $R^{4'}$, and $R^{4''}$ independently is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

such that for the nucleoside of formula [I-c] at least one of R^2 and $R^{2'}$ is hydrogen and at least one of R^3 and $R^{3'}$ is hydrogen.

63. (New): The method according to claim 62, wherein each R^4 , $R^{4'}$, and $R^{4''}$ independently is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or benzyl.

64. (New): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [II-a]:

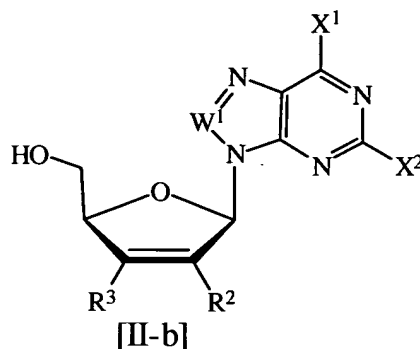


wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-a) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ³
NH-Bz-(<i>m</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
NH-Bz-(<i>o</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
NH ₂	O	F	H	F	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

65. (New): A method for the treatment of a host having a *Flaviviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula [II-b]:

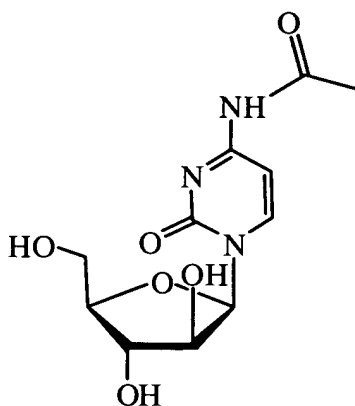


wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-b) is selected from one of the following:

X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ³
Cl	H	CH	F	H
OH	H	CH	H	H
NH ₂	F	CH	H	H
NH ₂	F	CH	F	H
NH ₂	H	CH	H	H
OH	NH ₂	CH	H	H
OH	H	CH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

66. (New): A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of a host exhibiting a *Flaviviridae*, *Orthomyxoviridae* or *Paramyxoviridae* viral infection comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



or its β -L enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

67. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-a) is selected from one of the following:

D	X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	I
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Cl
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	Br
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	H	Cl	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	H	Br	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	Br	H
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H
H	NH ₂	O	H	H	Cl	H	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	H	H
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Cl	H
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	H	OH	Br	H
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	H	Cl	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	Br	H	H	OH	Cl	H
H	NH ₂	O	Br	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	Br	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	I	H	H	OH	Br	H
H	NH ₂	O	I	H	H	Cl	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	I	H	Br	H	H	OH

D	X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
H	NH ₂	O	OH	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	NH ₂	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	Cl	H
H	NH ₂	NH	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH-(2-Ph- Et)	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH-NH ₂	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH-NH ₂	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	NH-NH ₂	O	CH ₃	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-OH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-OH	O	Br	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-OH	O	I	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-OH	O	H	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	OH	O	OH	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	OH	O	NH ₂	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	OH	O	F	H	OH	H	H	OH
H	OH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	OH	O	F	H	H	H	H	OH
H	S-CH ₃	O	H	H	H	F	H	OH
H	SH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH

D	X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
H	SH	O	F	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	NH-(2-Ph- Et)	O	H	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	OH	O	OH	H	H	OH	H	OH
H	OH	O	H	H	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

68. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (I-b) is selected from one of the following:

D	W ²	X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ^{2'}	R ³	R ^{3'}
H	N	OH	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
H	N	OH	NH ₂	CH	F	H	H	OH
H	N	NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	F
H	N	NH ₂	H	CH	H	H	H	H
H	N	NH ₂	NH ₂	N	H	OH	H	OH
H	N	NH ₂	NH ₂	CH	H	OH	H	OH
H	N	Cl	H	CH	F	H	H	H
H	N	Cl	H	CH	H	OH	H	OH
H	N	NH ₂	H	CH	H	OH	H	H
H	N	Cl	H	CH	H	OH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

69. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-a) is selected from one of the following:

D	X ¹	Y ¹	R ¹	R ^{1'}	R ²	R ³
H	NH-Bz-(<i>m</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
H	NH-Bz-(<i>o</i> -NO ₂)	O	F	H	H	H
H	NH ₂	O	F	H	F	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

70. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the β -D nucleoside of formula (II-b) is selected from one of the following:

D	W ²	X ¹	X ²	W ¹	R ²	R ³
H	N	Cl	H	CH	F	H
H	N	OH	H	CH	H	H
H	N	NH ₂	F	CH	H	H
H	N	NH ₂	F	CH	F	H
H	N	NH ₂	H	CH	H	H
H	N	OH	NH ₂	CH	H	H
H	N	OH	H	CH	H	H

or its β -L-enantiomer or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.